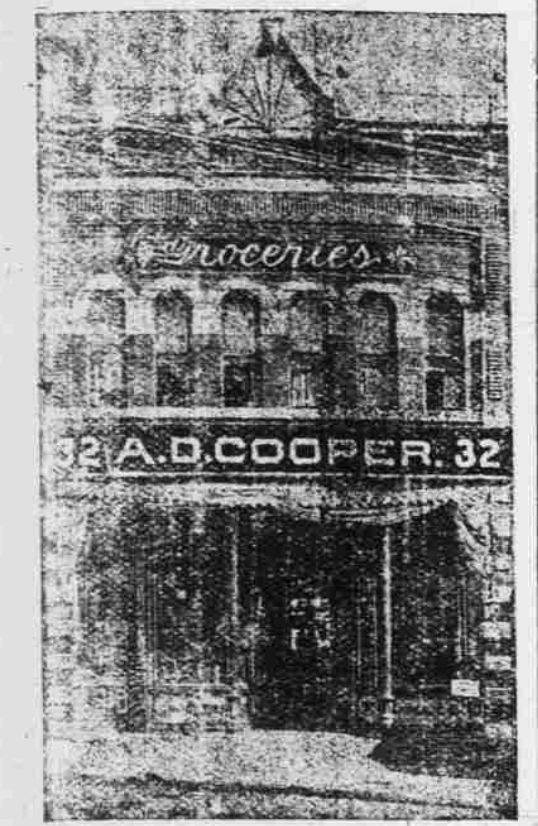


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General White Suffers Heavy Loss at Ladysmith. FORTY OFFICERS TAKEN

English Troops, With Big Guns, Surrounded in the Hills by Boers' Forces and Compelled to Capitulate After a Hard Fight. LONDON, Oct. 31.—The war office has received a dispatch from General White, commanding the British forces at Ladysmith, reporting that the Royal Irish battalions, numbering ten mounted batteries and the Gloucester regiment, were surrounded in the hills by the Boers, and after losing heavily, obliged to capitulate. General White adds that the casualties have not been ascertained yet.

The following is the text of General White's dispatch to the war office: "I have to report a disaster to the column sent by me to take a position on a hill lying to the left of the troops. In these operations today the Royal Irish Fusiliers, numbering ten mountain batteries and the Gloucester regiment, were surrounded in the hills, and after losing heavily, had to capitulate. The casualties have not yet been ascertained. A man of the fusiliers employed as a hospital orderly came in under a flag of truce with a letter from the survivors of the column, who asked for assistance to bury the dead.

"I fear there is no doubt of the truth of the report. I formed a plan in the carrying out of which the disaster occurred, and I am alone responsible for the plan. There is no blame whatever to the troops, as the position was untenable. General White sends a list of the officers taken prisoners, 41 in all, some of whom were wounded.

While minor reverses were not wholly unexpected, nothing like the staggering blow General White's forces yesterday were anticipated. The full extent of the disaster is not yet acknowledged, if it is known to the war office. The loss in effective men must be appalling to a general who is practically surrounded. Two of the finest British regiments and a noble battery of field guns were taken by the Boers, who have again shown themselves stern fighters and military strategists of no mean order. The disaster cost the British from 1,500 to 2,000 men and six 7-inch guns, and as the Boer artillery is already stronger than imagined, the capture of these guns will be a great help to the Boers.

Further news must be awaited before it is attempted to fix the blame where it belongs. General White, manifestly accepts all the responsibility for the disaster, which, apparently, was at least partially due to the stampeding of the mules with the guns. The loss in universal interest in the news was universal, pervading all classes and conditions of London's population. The newspaper extras were eagerly read in business houses, on the streets and by women in their carriages.

Then there was a rush to the war office, which, by noon, was surrounded by private carriers and hackmen, with many of the humbler of people came on foot, all waiting and watching for the names they hold dear. Never was the old saying, "bad news travels quickly," better exemplified here than today. By noon gloom and bitter sorrow prevailed throughout the British metropolis.

At the government offices no effort was made to conceal the feeling of dismay prevailing. One official resorted to a representative of the Associated Press: "The disaster is more likely due to my inability to see it, and I am sorry to say that its moral effect is inestimable. We have lost heavily in many ways, and have had regiments almost wiped out, but to have regiments captured, and by the Boers, is terrible."

die craze of our younger officers to distinguish themselves, obtain mention in the dispatches and exact the same honors as those of the old soldiers. The splendid Indian veteran, General White, in spite of his avowal.

As the day wore on the crowd around the war office swelled to enormous proportions, and at Gloucester, the home of the Boers, the wildest excitement prevailed. The special editions of the local newspapers were speedily exhausted and the same thing occurred at Bristol and other towns in that country.

Coming so soon after the engagement for the Beitfontein, where the Gloucester suffered heavily, brought the keenest sorrow to households all over the country whose name the regiment bears.

A Second Army Corps. It is learned by the Associated Press that the war office has ordered a second army corps to be in readiness to be called out. The military officials have not yet decided whether the consumption of the plan will be necessary, but they are determined to have everything in readiness either for a demonstration in Europe or for sending even a large force to the scene of action. Until the receipt of the news of the Ladysmith disaster, the latter course was considered out of the question. But now there is no question what steps will be decided upon.

The war office has sent the following dispatch to General Buller: "Three extra battalions of foot and one mounted battery reserves will leave during the course of ten days to make good the casualties." Reports are current here that General White will retire to Pietermaritzburg, where the railroad is intact. There is much divergence of opinion in military circles as to the advisability of such a step.

It is reported from Barkly-West that the Boers are constructing forts around Kimberley for the purpose of shelling the town. Stock Market Affected. The disaster had an immediate effect on the Stock Exchange here, where confidence fell one half, south African securities dropped heavily. Hand lines falling 2 points. Rio Tinto fell three quarters.

The afternoon newspapers made only brief editorial comments on the news from Ladysmith, but their headlines voiced the general feeling of sorrow. The tone of the editorials was summed up in the following statement of the St. James Gazette: "It is evident that the patriots and the fortitude of the nation are to be tested in real earnest by these operations of ours in Natal against great odds. General White had a difficult task set him, and we must take the disaster with the dogged coolness which Britons know how to display. We shall await the final result without apprehension."

At 9 o'clock the tide began to recede and the wind changed, which is now becoming a gale from the southeast, no further damage will likely result. The tide rose rapidly during the night, and the water was high in the harbor. The Southern's lease on the Florida Central and Peninsular expires Jan. 1, and the latter had got from the harbor, which is building from Columbia to Cheraw, 80 miles, to tap its main line.

Suit Against Arthur Swain. RALEIGH, Oct. 30.—United States Marshal Dockery has served the papers in a suit for libel brought at Beaufort against Arthur Swain of Maine, one of whose vessels, the Carrie, a derelict, was taken to point five days ago. Two crews sighted the vessel, the one of which first sighted her did not reach her until after the other crew had boarded her. The latter paid the first crew on board \$1,300 for salvage. The vessel and cargo are worth \$40,000. Now the crew which first sighted her sues for salvage.

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INSURANCE AS COMMODITY. Supreme Court Fixes the Negotiable Status of Life Policies. ATLANTA, Oct. 30.—The commercial value and negotiability of life insurance policies were the subjects Saturday of decisions in the supreme court of the state.

RESOLUTION BY STEVENS. A Better Method of Classifying Cotton is Wanted. ATLANTA, Oct. 27.—At the morning session of the third day of the convention of the Association of the Cotton States Commissioners of Agriculture, President Stevens offered the following resolution on the classification of cotton: "Whereas, The annual loss accruing each year in the handling of the cotton crop, growing out of the loss of weight and failure of bales to come up to the sample of classification, which is due to the fact that there is no standard system of weight and classification, and, whereas, these recalcitrations destroy the profits of the business to the merchant and indirectly is taken from the pockets of the producers;

LABOR TROUBLE SETTLED. Grievances of Mill Employees Submitted to a Committee. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 27.—The labor troubles at southern Alabama and western Florida sawmills have been settled and work will be resumed at once. Settlement of the differences is to be left to General Secretary John W. Hays of the Knights of Labor and William A. Blount, a prominent Pensacola lawyer.

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